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11. (C) DCM delivered reftel demarche on Nov. 2 to Pg. Hj. Alihashim, Acting Director of the Department for Bilateral Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). Alihashim said that Brunei took its responsibilities seriously to uphold UNSC resolutions. He noted that Brunei has effectively no trade relations with the DPRK and has no/no domestic industry producing military goods subject to the sanctions. That said, Alihashim said that he would ensure that our message was passed to the relevant ministries and agencies of the GoB to help ensure that Brunei could not be used as a transit point for sanctioned items.